

A photograph of a white tiger with black stripes lying down in a grassy enclosure. In the background, there is a wooden fence and several trees. The text "ZOO GOER" is overlaid on the right side of the image.

ZOO GOER



The Lion alone of all
wild beasts is gentle to
those who humble
themselves unto him.

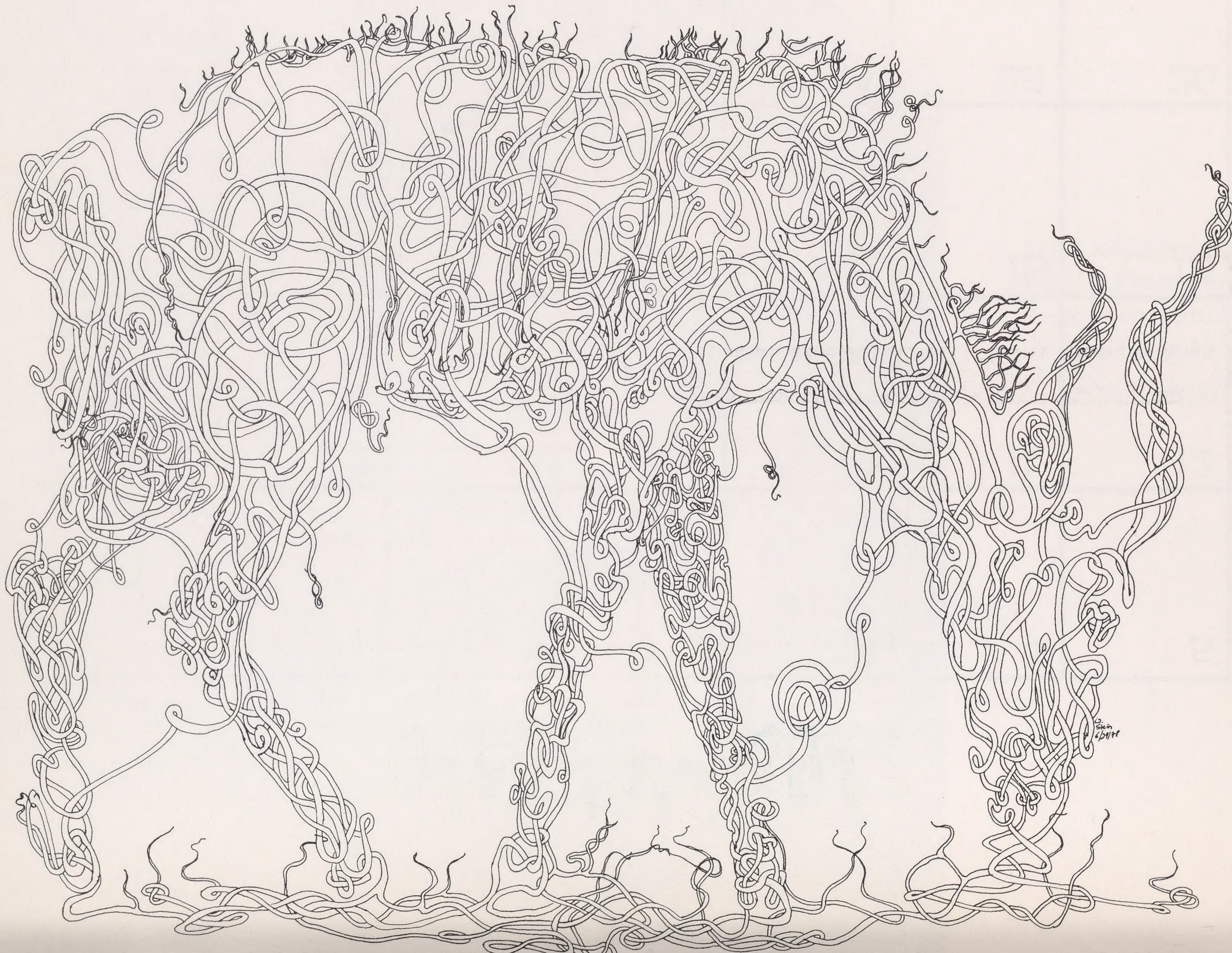
—Pliny the Elder (A.D. 23-79)

JANUARY

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<i>A bird's eyes often take up more room in its head than its brain does.</i>		1 <i>New Year's Day</i>	2	3	4	5
	6	7	8	9	10	11
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	13	14	15	16	17	18
			<i>Martin Luther King's Birthday</i>			19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
						<i>FONZ Winter Classes Begin.</i>
27	28	29	30	31	<i>The teeth of the adult bull sperm whale can reach 6-1/3 inches long.</i>	
				<i>1961: The Zoo's Ham, "the space chimp," went aloft.</i>		

Deer are gentle and graceful
And they have beautiful eyes.
They hurt no one but themselves,
The males, and only for love.

—Kenneth Rexroth



FEBRUARY

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<i>Whales weighing 105 tons and mice weighing three ounces develop from the same size ova.</i>					1 1965: The Zoo's renovated Bird House opened.	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12 Lincoln's Birthday	13	14 Valentine's Day	15	16
17	18 Washington's Birthday observed.	19	20 Ash Wednesday	21	22 Washington's Birthday	23
24	25	26	27	28	29 Leap Year Day	



The broad-backed hippopotamus
Rests on his belly in the mud.
Although he seems so firm to us
He is merely flesh and blood.

—T.S. Eliot

MARCH

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<p><i>The largest accurately measured African bush elephant was 12 feet, 6 inches tall at the shoulder and weighed about 24,000 pounds. It was put on display in the rotunda of the Smithsonian's U.S. National Museum on March 6, 1959.</i></p>						1
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1889: National Zoo founded.						
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
					FONZ Photo Exhibit Opens.	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					
Palm Sunday	Passover					

Doubt is faith in the
main; but faith, on the
whole, is doubt;
We cannot believe by
proof; but could we
believe without?

—Swinburne

*This is a tawny frogmouth, an
Australian cousin of the owl.*



APRIL

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<i>The Tamils of Sri Lanka use crushed red ants as smelling salts.</i>		1	2	3	4	5
		April Fools' Day			Good Friday	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Easter Sunday						
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
			1972: Hsing-Hsing and Ling-Ling arrived at the Zoo.			
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
						FONZ Spring Classes Begin.
27	28	29	30	Sixty days are required for a housefly to become a great-grand-mother.		
			1890: Zoo placed under direction of Smithsonian.			



How beautifully everything is arranged by Nature: as soon as a child enters the world, it finds a mother ready to take care of it.

—Jules Michelet. *The African bongo is one of the shyest of the antelope species.*

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*The tallest giraffe ever measured
was 19 feet tall—four feet taller
than a London double-decker bus.*

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1979: Beaver
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Mother's Day

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1975: Lion-Tiger
Hill opened.

Memorial Day
observed.

Memorial Day



When the last corner lot is covered by tenements, we can still make a playground by tearing them down. But when the last giant panda goes, not all the lovers of animals in the world will be able to replace the loss.

JUNE

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7
					FONZ ZooNight, Members A-M	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
					Raindate, ZooNight A-M	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Father's Day					FONZ ZooNight, Members N-Z	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
					Raindate, ZooNight N-Z	FONZ Summer Classes Begin.
29	30	<p><i>Crocodiles and alligators are the only members of the reptile family that have loud voices. The mating call of the alligator resembles the boom of a cannon.</i></p>				



I think I
could turn and
live with animals,
they are so placid and
self-contained; I stand and
look at them long and long.

—Walt Whitman. Above, three binturong,
a species related to the palm civet.

JULY

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<i>Owls have little or no sense of smell, which makes them the skunk's only natural enemy.</i>		1	2	3	4 Independence Day	5
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1950: Smokey Bear arrived at the Zoo.						



This earth of majesty, this seat of Mars,
This other Eden, demi-Paradise. . .
This blessed plot—

—Shakespeare

*This is the Zoo's Conservation and Research Center in Front Royal, Virginia, home of (among others)
the scimitar-horned oryx and the rhea.*

AUGUST

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*One ounce of the poison secreted
by the South American Kokoi arrow-
poison frog could kill 2,500,000
people.*

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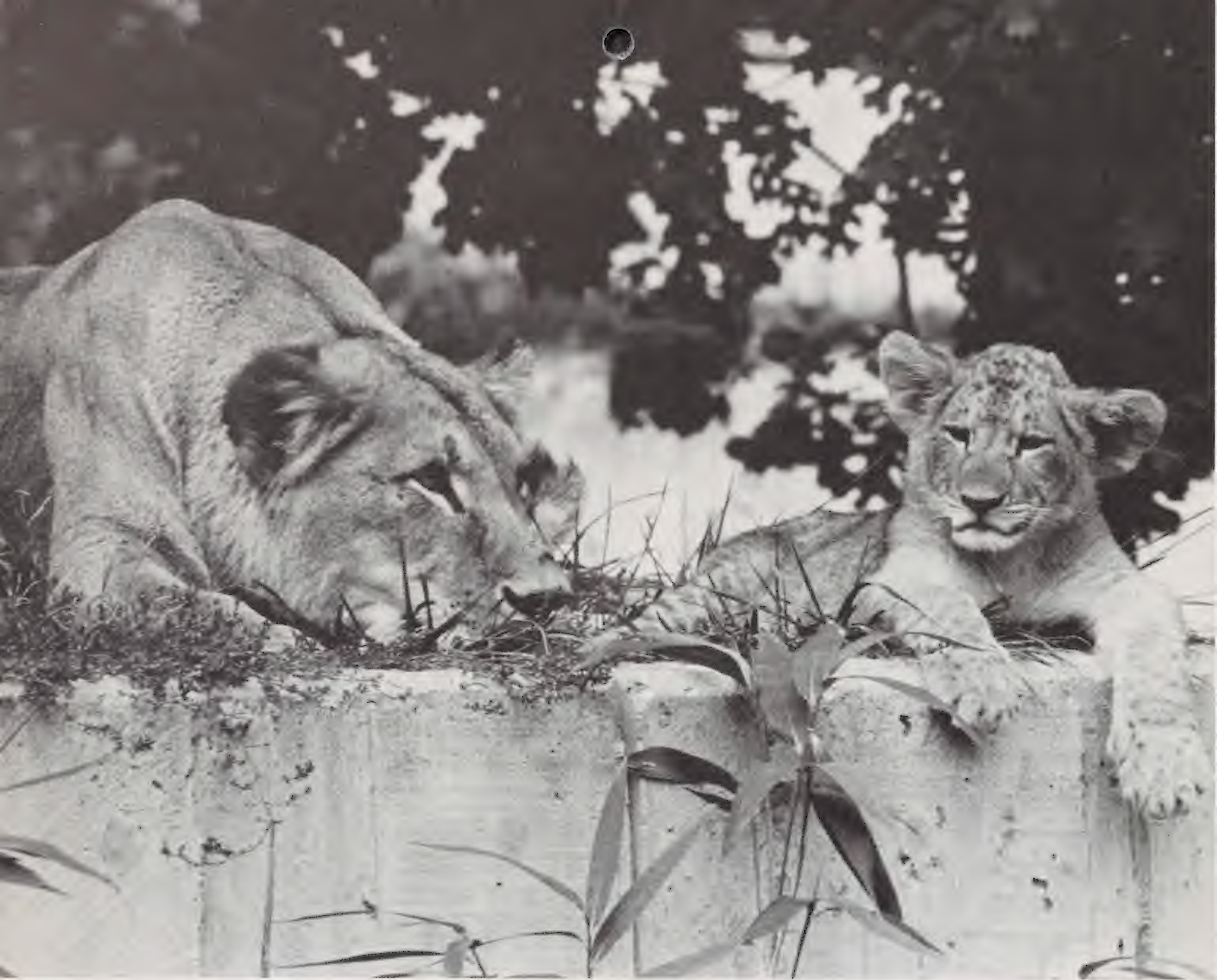
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All the arts lose virtue
Against the essential reality
Of creatures going about their business
among the equally
Earnest elements of nature.

—Robinson Jeffers

The rare Atlas lions are the new pride of the Zoo's Lion-Tiger Hill.

SEPTEMBER

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	Labor Day					
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
			Rosh Hashanah			
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
					Yom Kippur	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
						FONZ Fall Classes Begin.
28	29	30	The aptly-named swifts are the world's fastest birds, reaching speeds in flight up to 100 mph.			



A man was taken to the Zoo and shown the giraffe. After looking at it a little in silence: "I don't believe it," he said.

OCTOBER

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<i>The closest living relatives of the reptilian crocodile are warm-blooded birds.</i>			1	2	3	4
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12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Columbus Day	Columbus Day observed.					FONZ Annual Guided Tour of the Zoo
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
				FONZ Annual Meeting	United Nations Day	
26	27	28	29	30	31	
					Halloween	

"We called him Tortoise because he taught us," said the Mock Turtle angrily. "Really you are very dull!"

—Lewis Carroll



NOVEMBER

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<p><i>A Chackma baboon named "Jackie" may be the only non-human primate in history to become a corporal in the army—and end up with a</i></p>						1
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				Thanksgiving		

I confess freely to you,
I could never look long
upon a monkey, with-
out very mortifying
reflections.

—Congreve

*The beautiful, silvery roloway guenon
is one of the stars of the Zoo's Monkey
House.*



DECEMBER

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		Chanuka				
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FONZ Christmas- Tree Decorating Party					1960: Mohini Rewa, the Zoo's first white tiger, arrived.	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
				Christmas		
28	29	30	31	The longest snake on record is a reticulated python that measured 32 feet, 9½ inches.		
			New Year's Eve			

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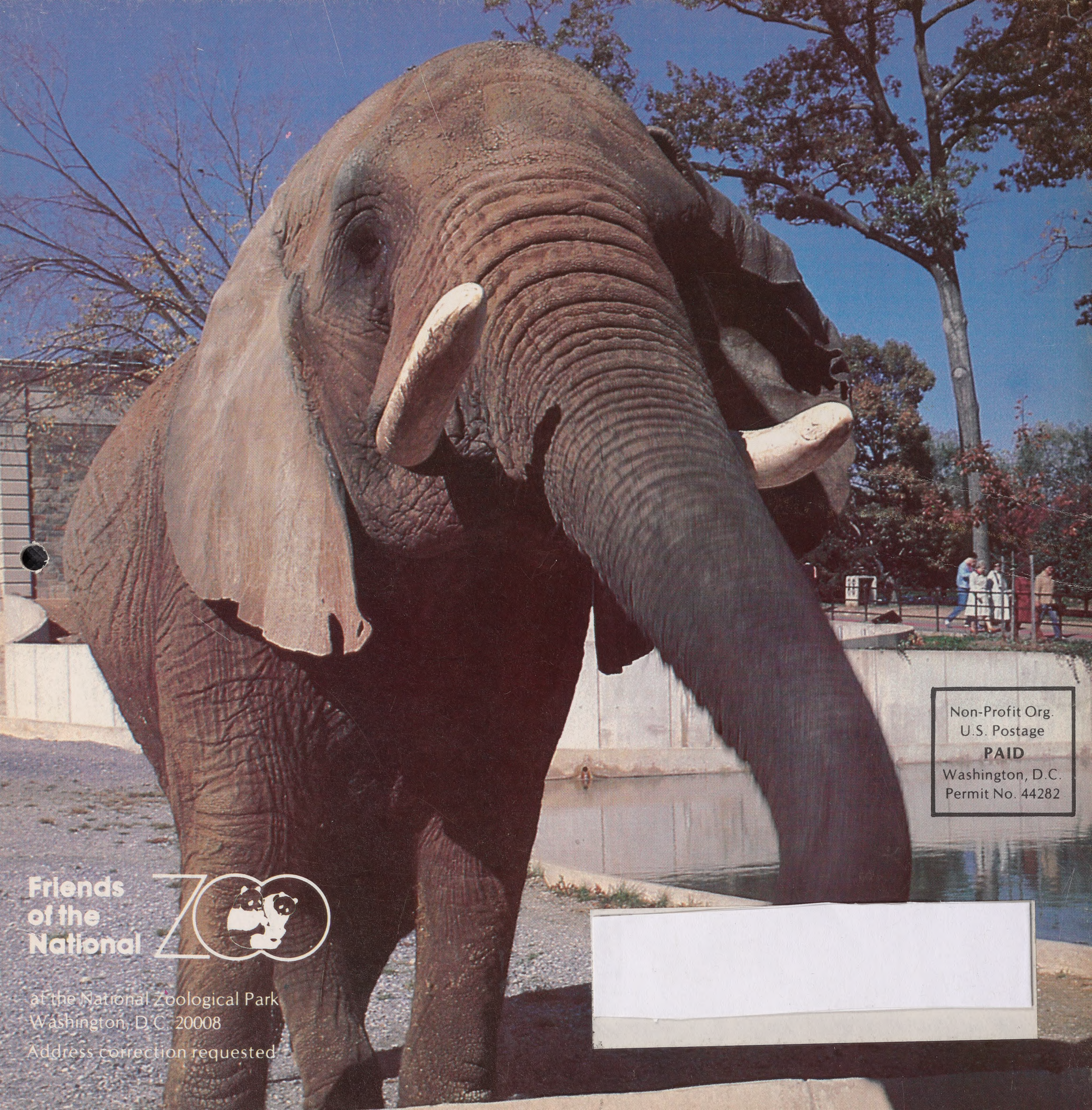
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